Nationwide Organization of War Veterans Expected to Check Bolshevism.

TO INFLUENCE POLITICS

Lieutenant-Colonel Says Conduct of War Abroad Cannot Become an Issue.

Plans for the formation of a nationwide organization of men who have been n the naval or military service of the United States in the great war, and which is intended to play an important part in the determination of the milltary, naval and economic problems of the country, were discussed informally last night by Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who returned recently from France to put into concrete form some of the plans already developed by memhers of the American Expeditionary

In making the announcement Lieut. Col. Roosevelt, while confirming THE Sun's story of last Monday that he in-tended to chuck his hat into the politiiended to chuck his hat into the political arena sooner or later, said that he was a candidate for no particular office at this time, but that his immediate efforts would be devoted to the organization of what is tentatively known as the American Legion. Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt is one of a group of American officers abroad who conceived the idea of a wirile organization of veterans of the

wirile organization of veterans of the war to study peace and reconstruction problems at home from a non-partisan viewpoint and with the perspective of men who have had physical contact with the war.

Membership in the organization, however, is not to be confined to men who were overseas, but to any person who has been in the service of the country. It is possible and probable that women will be included. BILLS AIDING WOMEN

Convention in St. Louis in May. According to present plans a general convention of delegates from every State is to be called in St. Louis during the first week in May. The number of delegates and the method of their selection and other preliminary details are being worked out now by Lieut-Col. Rooseveit and some of his associates. Further announcement regarding the general scope of the movement will be made within a few days.

within a few days.

"I believe that such an organization will be of immense value," Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt said. "I believe that its advice will be sought by all political par-ties when it comes to the construction of a piatform involving military, naval or economic problems. I believe also that it will prove to be a practical and effec-tive method of checking the Bolshevism movement that is spreading through Eumovement that is spreading through Europe and which some people here view with concern. It will also aid materially finding employment for returned sol-

Tentative plans for the St. Louis convention provide for the attendance of delegates from the military and naval representation of each State and representatives of local organizations already formed, to the end that all these may be welded into one national society that will concern itself with the future country. Membership will be open to all ranks of every branch of the service.

His Political Plans Unformed. Lieut.-Col. Roosevelt said yesterday

that he was not ready to make any an-nouncement of his own political plans. "I believe," he said, "that any state-ment along that line would be prema-ture. In fact, I have no idea. Something has been said about my being a candidate for President of the Board of

while some of his most enthusiastic friends have urged him to announce his candidacy, his own inclinations are toward a seat in Congress or the State "I suppose," he added naively, "since

I am going into public life that I will have to be a candidate for something sooner or later, but at present and for

some time I am going to be pretty busy with the veterans' organization." Roosevelt appraised his political status thus: "I have." he said, "certain ideas and some ambitions, a war record of which I need not be assumed, and I have—many of my father's friends. Those are my assets. My liabilities—if I may express it that way—consist chiefly of an appalling ignorance of what has been going on in this country for the last two years."

Is Not Ignorant of Politics.

While young Roosevelt's name has been scriously mentioned only within the last week in a political way he is not so ignorant of political matters as some of his closest friends believed. He was one a group of young Republicans who brought about the nomination of Hiram Johnson for Governor of California in 1910. He speaks familiarly and inti-mately of many of the bigwigs of the Republican party, and although during the lifetime of his father his own political views never received much mention he nevertheless had them. To-day they are more clearly defined.

Lieut Col. Roosevelt is py-ticularly merested in the problems confronting the country with respect to organized labor. He believes that one of the chief problems to be solved in the reconstruc-tion era lies in the formation of a practical and feasible policy of reconciliation between capital and labor—a policy that while being universal in its scope will be clastic enough to permit of its aplication to various classes of industry Lieut.-Coi. Roosevelt believes that these and kindred problems will form the issue

in the next national election.
"I do not believe." he said, "that the
Loague of Nations will be an issue or
prohibition or suffrage. The issue will be the solution of economic problems. There may be sporadic outburts against prohibition, but when all is said and done what opposition there is to prohibi tion lies not toward prohibition itself but against the way it was brought

War Issue in the Campaign.

"Will the conduct of the war, in your spinion, become an issue?" Col. Roose-velt was asked.

veit was asked.

"At home—yee. Abroad—no. The person who raises the issue of the conduct of the war abroad or who tries to make an issue of it would be a fool. The answer is written—we did it. At home—well, that is something else. There may be questions of cost and waste and misplaced chergy that might bear investigation."

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ALBANY, March 26 .- The legislative

act on the series of measures spon-

week, following the conference here of the Republican members of the Legisla

the heavy losses involved.

guaranteed mortgages.

Mother Gives Her Life in Effort to Save Two of Her Children.

HUSBAND IS NEAR DEATH

Bodies of Victims Buried in Ruins of Recently Bought Richmond Hill Home.

Mrs. Louise Mercler gave her life yeserday in a fruitless effort to save two of her children after fire had trapped the family in the second story of their frame cottage on Gracie avenue, Richmond Hill Circle, Queens. The mother child. Both were injured, however, and fence.

are in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica. Walls of buildings, even plate glass are in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica,

Mrs. Mercier, who was sleeping in the back room over the kitchen with little Helen, was the first to awaken. She hurried to the stairway to find that escape was cut off. Her husband and Emily were in the front room and Leonia alone in the middle room. She roused them by her screams. A hurried survey of the situation told trampling Mercier that the windows offered the shops and

only means of escape.
"I'll jump," he told his wife. "Then you drop the children down to me and I'll catch them; then you can jump too." Mercier emashed the glass in a front window with his fist, cutting his right hand badly. Dressed only in his night clothes he dropped to the ground. One clothes he dropped to the ground. One of the neighbors arrived at this juncture, rogramme of the Women's Joint Legis-Rative Conference was advanced one step nearer to death to-day when the Senate and Assembly committees on Her hands and face were burned and Labor and Industries again failed to she afterward complained of prin in her lungs from the flames she had inhaled.

sored by the conference and designed to protect women in industry. THE SUN predicted the death of the bills last Mrs. Mercler disappeared from the window, having started for the other children. The two men below waited anxiously for a minute, but she did not the executive committee of the Repub-lican State committee conferred on the

Apparently the only bill sponsored by the women which has a chance to get through this year is the one requiring women elevator operators to be at least there was an explosion, as a back 21 years of age, preventing them from draught swept through the aperture and working between 10 P. M. and 6 A. M. he was blown backward and fell to the and requiring the installation of seats ground, spraining one of his ankles. He in the lifts they operate. The last pro-vision probably will be removed by the second time and fought when those who or contraband trade never flourished so time the measure comes up for passage had by this time arrived sought by the Senate, but the Senate committee strain him.

The neighbors formed a bucket reported the whole bill favorably to-day. The other bills in the women's pro-tramme, which include the minimum nearby, but the house was doomed. The wage, eight hour day and rigorous re-nearest city fire company was at South about conditions in Berlin from the house when he left for work at 7 A. M. Aldermen. I am not a candidate for that office."

He admitted that he had talked with a number of persons influential in a political way—friends of his father upon whom he could depend for advice. He feels and admits that he is not equipped in experience for such a place as President of the Board of Aldermen, and while some of his mass and admits that he is most equipped in experience for such a place as President drove to the engine and the firemen started for the scene only after a resident drove to the engine matically to the Rules Committee, and it was freely predicted to-night that was freely predicted to-night that was freely predicted to-night that the firemen started for the scene only after a resident drove to the engine meters of soup, steak, vegetables and an only after a resident drove to the engine meters of soup, steak, vegetables and an only after a resident drove to the engine house in his automobile and gave the house in his automobile and gave the house in his automobile and gave the alarm, according to Mercler, who added Opera during the war, stated that her mittee reported favorably the bill in-troduced in response to Gov. Smith's re-quest that \$50,000 be appropriated to

warden of Auburn Prison when he is discharged from military service about April 1. Friends of Col. Jennings say he is hopeful that in view of his mili-tary work he will not be turned down. Supt. Rattigan announced the appoint-ment of Robert L. Clark of Binghamton

available."
Mrs. Mercler and her two children were buried in the ruins when the roo and sides of the cottage collapsed. The ment of Robert L. Clark of Binghamton a sindustrial agent there. Each position pays \$3,200 Ridgewood. They bought the house at a year. Mr. Clark is understood to have been backed by Lieut.-Gov. Walker. Mr. Grant served as industrial agent at Auburn when Mr. Rattigan was Warden there.

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FIRE TRAPS FAMILY; FATE OF GERMANY 3 PERISH, 2 ESCAPE RESTS ON FOOD RACE

Continued from Pirat Page.

advantage of this situation to obtain in dustrials and commercial interests at idiculously low prices, while Americans are sitting supine in Copenhagen and The Hague chafing because they are stringently forbidden even to speak to Germans under penalty of forfeiture of their passports.

Three Spineless Political Parties. Politically no dependence or hope can placed in the middle ciass Demo cratic, Centrist or Liberal parties. They are spineless and insufficiently organized. Therefore, if the Government gives way it is almost certain to slide further to the Left, or become more radical. Probably there is no other country

which is appealing to the public mind against Bolshevism with such campaign methods and such organizations, privately financed, as are being used in and her daughters Leonia, 5 sears old, at one time a partner of Thomas A. Ediand Helen, 3—were burned to death.

George Mercier, the husband and father, and business concerns in Germany had who is a signal man employed by the who is a signal man employed by the Long Island Railroad, escaped, together with Emily, aged 8 years, the third of Gustav Noske, the Minister of De-

where it is feared the little girl will die.

Mercier came home from work at 2 horible. "Spartacus at Work" is the colock yesterday morning, banked the little of one. It represents a fanatic with o'clock yesterday morning, banked the fire in the kitchen stove and then went upstairs to bed. At a cclock the lower part of the house was in flames.

The fire evidentally originated on the lower floor, but Mercier said in the hospital last night he did not know whether it started inside or outside the house. He says that a workman he had employed about the place threat the floors. Another poster shows a lake of

ened on Monday to "get even" with colors. Another poster shows a lake of him because he told the man he would get no pay if he didn't finish his job. The police are trying to check up the whereabouts of the man just prior to the fire.

Mother Amelian Eleganory.

The posters most favored are those women. Another shows Germany as a gigantic hill, with waves of blood beating vainly against it. Still another de picts a crazed Russian, wearing huge boots and with a torch in his hand, trampling down factories and workshops and setting fire right and left; it is entitled "Germany's Ideal Future Un-

der the Reign of the Bolsheviki."

With the coming of democracy every body appeals to the public mind. What over the wishes or ideata, they are blaz oned forth in flaming red posters. Even the Majority and the Independent So-cialists fight each other in posters and bills on the walls and often with small handbills.

The police keep themselves well in the background; they are very timid and al-

most as scarce as the former sign "Veroten" (It is forbidden). Stories that the Germans are leaving

the country by thousands are not true. The Dutch, Danish and Swiss passport regulations are so stringent that prob-ably on an average not more than 150 travellers a day leave. I stood two days in line to get my

anxiously for a minute, but she did not come back. There was no ladder in the vicinity so they ripped off a section of a picket fence and placed it against the side of the burning house, which by this time was a mass of flames.

Mercler mounted to the window and had his head and shoulders inside when country

Supply Services Break Down.

All the supply services have broken vigorously. There are restaurants where Twenty-seventh Division parade Tueseven without a card one can get a sub- day. Frederick Buell, her busband, who

stantial meal.

Mrs. Margaret Harrison of the Balti-Opera during the war, stated that her table cost her \$1,000 a month. The emaclated faces of women and

children, the sickly color of the work-

mppearance. In places even the show windows are not respected.

Germany is a sick nation; she needs food for her stomach, peace for her mind and work for her soul. How far the conditions and the surface indications have been used cleverly as a weapon of defence against the Allies and how far they are resulty dangerous.

and how far they are really dangerous is not easily determined.

There is little doubt that the German Government first winked at if it did not actually filrt with the Spartacans in order to use them as a threat against the Allies, only to find that the radicals pressed withan iron hand by Gen. Noske the Minister of Defence, by methods that the Kaiser never had dared to use.

Wealthy People Bave Plenty. Germany at heart is overwhelmingly anti-Bolshevistic, but Germany is hungry and in many places in a state of semi-starvation. Food brings impos-sible prices, as a result of which the wealthy live in abundance while the people suffer. This situation has been used by agitators to spread the communistic doctrine that all property must be

two weeks that in certain parts of that district soldiers were quartered in every

effects of several years of undernourishment in the lower classes, coupled with the humiliation, shame, humbled pride, financial and industrial ruin and the hopeless outlook for the future felt in all the better circles, are producing a all the better circles, are producing a national state of mind that is pathological and Germany is quite capable of of hope fades.

All initiative is paralyzed in this de-

preasing atmosphere and the roots of Boishevism are striking alarmingly deep. The upper classes and the bour-geoisie, or middle class, are timid, dazed and upathetic, while the only aggressives are a small minority of the lower classes

pathy Shown in Berlin Fighting The apathetic spirit which permentes the whole body politic was shown in the fighting in Berlin, which was largely between rival volunteer military organ-izations rather than between the populace and Government troops; no one paid any particular attention to it. Many of the stories which have ap-peared in the newspapers abroad are ridiculous. For example, the alleged massacre of 150 police and soldiers at Lichtenburg, upon which Noske's famous execution order was based, dwindled on nvestigation to two deaths.

Food investigators can find in Berlin almost anything they look for. Viewed from the standards of the Hotel Adlon conditions in the uptown restaurants and the fashionable houses in the West End are still bearable if one has sufficient money. In the big hote's lunch or dinner is provided for \$5, including the tip, which now is added to the bill. Oysters are 25 cents each, pears and apples \$1 each, eggs 50 cents each, but-ter \$7, sugar \$2, ten \$15, coffee, \$10, and checolate \$20 a pound. Chickens are \$3

At such prices of course the poor never get a taste of such articles, but the wealthy do not suffer.

THREE FOUND SLAIN IN BED. Mother and Children Shot-Insanity May Be Cause.

An odor of escaping gas drew neigh-bors to the apartment of Mrs. Gertrude Buell, 417 Dodd street, West Hoboken. N. J., yesterday and led to the discovery of the bodies of Mrs. Buell, her son Frederick, Jr., 7, and daughter Gertrude, a year and a half old, lying together on a year and a half old, lying together on a bed. All three were shot through the head. It is believed that Mrs. Buell had become temporarily insane. The fact that the shots were not heard was due to the muffling of the gur the bedelothes.

Mrs. Buell took her son to see the

the CITY'S "BOSS RULE"

Leader Says.

burning dwelling.

The same of the state employment agencies recently turned back by the Federal Government.

The Assembly passed the general appropriation bill providing about \$40-006,000 for department expenditures. The same branch of the Legislature department of narrotic drug control.

To NAME WESTCHESTER MAN.

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Rattigan Will Appoint Warden May will appoint Warden May will appoint warden of Mount w ALBANY, March 26 -Thomas C. Spell-



The steady decline during the past few weeks in the number of deaths re-sulting from influenza and pneumonia is reflected in the mortality bulletin issued yesterday by the Board of Health

for the week ending March 23. It shows a death rate of but 15.77 per one thousand of the population which is lower than the rate for the which is equivalent to a decrease of 481 At no time since the outbreak influenza epidemic last autumn deaths. has the mortality for the city been so low. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, stated yesterday that this low rate is undoubtedly due to the bis drop in mortality from influenza and

Influenza cases reported to the Health Department totaled 130 Tuesday a gain of 31 over Monday's figure. This inof 31 over Monday's figure. This in-crease is said to be due to the fact that northern, eastern and southern sections of Berlin might storm the fashionable west end has been so strong in the last two weeks that in certain many that the mo cases were reported from Brooklyn Monday, that day having been observed as a holiday in that borough. These two weeks that in certain many that the model of the fact that no case are therefore. unreported cases are therefore included in the returns for Tuesday. This seems to be borne out by yesterday's report, which shows a drop to sixty-six in the total number of influenza cases.

Deaths from influenza numbered twenty-one Tuesday, a gain of two over the previous day, and yesterday's deaths from the disease were but eighteen. Pneumonia deaths jumped to eighty-six Tuesday, an increase of thirty-five over Monday, but yesterday they dropped to New cases of influenza and pneumonia reported in the city for the two twenty-

four hour periods were distributed as fol-

WRECK MOTORMAN ON TRIAL.

Man Who Ran Train on Which 90 Were Killed Faces Jury.

Anthony E. Lewis, also known as Ed ward Luciano, the motorman of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit train which was crecked, killing ninety persons, in the Malbone street tunnel in Brooklyn, No. vember 1, was placed on trial on an in-dictment charging manslaughter, be-fore Justice A. H. Seeger in the Supreme Court at Mineola yesterday. Besides Lewis five other employees and officials of the company were indicted, including Thomas F. Blewitt, superintendent of the division in which the wreck occurred and who was recently acquitted.

The indictment specifically charged Lewis with having caused the death of Thomas F. Gilfeather, a passenger on the wrecked train. Out of a panel of 100 talesmen drawn yesterday eight jurors were tentatively selected. They are Frederick L. Mount, East Rockaway: Henry Sparks, Wantagh; Edward Bausch, Farmingdale; William J. Smith. Mineola; Frank P. Engels, Rockville Center; Edward Springham, Glen Cove, James M. Hyde, Port Washington; Temain here until the case against her Langdon, Ocean Side; Frank A. Nolan.

Central Park Central Park. Attorneys said that the trial would not require more than two or three days

WAR COURT FOR SHOOTER. tergeant Will Be Tried for Injury to Automobilist.

ing of Walter Frederickson of 275 West Twenty-second street, Manhattan, at the camp early festerday morning Frederickson was a passenger in a rear seat of an automobile that entered the car passing the provest guard outpost, and Sergeant Shoeman, who was going off duty, asked for a ride back to the

TYLER UNSHAKEN IN HIS ROBBERY ALIBI

Wife's Story Closely Parallels One Told by Accused Husband.

DENY THEY WERE HERE

Chauffeur Who Drove Taxicab in Brooklyn Murder to Face Suspect.

I. Roy Tyler, arrested in St. Louis March 19 and brought back to Brooklyn vesterday to face an indictmen charging first degree murder on two counts as a result of the East Brooklyn Savings Bank holdup December 13, remained unshaken at a late hour last night when subjected to a severe questioning at the office of Harry E. Lewis. District Attorney of Kings county.

Although details of his story we given out, it is known that he he was far away from Brook! the day the bank was robbed of \$13,500 and De Witt C. Peal, the paying teller, and Henry W. Coons, assistant cashler, were shot dead by two bandits who entered from a taxicab in which they af-terward made their escape. Tyler's slib! was supported last night

his wife Caroline, who sat in D's trict Attorney Lewis's office for four hours, answering the questions which were hurled at her in rapid succession by Mr. Lewis, his assistant, Albert T. Conway, and detectives.

She told in great detail of Tyler's movements during the week preceding the murder and for the week following the murder and for the week following it, giving the names of cities she said she and her husband visited and the names of the hotels at which she declared they had stopped.

According to one of the officials who was present at her examination Mrs. Tyler's story was "positively uncanny" in its corroboration of the one told by her husband. Although cool and collected she was plately wastered as

lected she was plainly weakened as a result of the ordeal to which she had been subjected. It was expected that Tyler's cross-ex-

amination, which began immediately afterward, would be continued until well toward morning. During it he will be compelled to face George H. McCul-lcugh, chauffeur of the taxi in which the murderers drove to the bank and afterward escaped, and John Mulligan, the starter from whom the two bundits hired the car in Manhattan. Both Mc-Cullough and Mulligan went to Mr. Lewis's office in Brooklyn last night to confront Tyler. The former is at liberty on \$10,000 ball and the latter has been held in jail as a material witness

Accompanying Tyler when he arrived from St. Louis yesterday afternoon was

In addition to his wife and the Hard-ings. Tyler was accompanied on the trip East by Assistant District Attorney Conway and Detectives Charles Eason and Barney Dowd. The two latter had been engaged in a nationwide search for Tyler when the news of his capture in St. Louis was received here. The indictment against Tyler is said

Brig.-Gen. William J. Nicholson has ordered a court-martial for Sergeant Joseph Shoeman of the provost guard at Camp'Upton for the accidental shooting of Walter Frederickson of 275 West Twenty-second street, Manhattan, at the

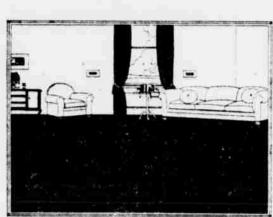
FIRE DESTROYS SPECIMENS.

able Collection of Minerals.

DUBLIN, N. H., March 26,-The sum-The car had gone a short way when mer home of Haphael Pumpelly of New-a car appeared from the rear with lights port, R. L. a geologist of national repundimmed. Shoeman, who was riding tation, was burned to-day. A valuable

SILENCES FIREMEN

In the front seat, turned about, remarking that he would make the driver following dim his lights and discharged the course of geological surveys for the his revolver. The bullet struck Frederickson in the chest. He was taken erments, was destroyed. erickson in the cliest. He was taken to the base hospital, Brig.-Gen. Nicholson said that misuse of frearms will be stay the flames, which had run through the woods up the mountainside. The home is in Cleveland, Ohio. CHARLES BERRY THE TRUE TRUE TO THE



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